

Town Topics

NOVEMBER 2008

TOWN OF TURTLE CITIZENS & BOARD MEMBERS:

A year has come and gone since our last budget time. Since that time not only our town, but also our country has seen many changes in our lives and economy. There is a limited amount of budget increase, mandated by the state and increased cost of fuel, gas, and paramedic rescue service cost. If you hear of a department or a committee being asked to keep their budget or cutting it, remember our town is in a situation similar to every family in this country, living within your means.

In past years for the Town of Turtle has been able to look at income funds coming in as an optimistic view, with signs of subdivisions, home and property improvements. I'm not recommending that the town look optimistic or pessimistic, but realistic when doing this year's budget. It's easy to look optimistic, but if we don't look logically when doing the budget, there is no bailout program at town level. At the same time we want to maintain the quality of our roads, emergency protection, and paramedic protection. I'm looking forward to working with everyone in making a balanced budget. - Dan DeLong, Chairman

BUDGET MEETING NOVEMBER 11TH (TUESDAY)

We are very fortunate to have one of the best paramedic services in the state responding with our fire department for emergency calls. One of the items being discuss is the proposal of a fee charged by the first responders (Turtle Fire Department). This fee would be to off set the fee being charged by the City of Beloit to the Town of Turtle when they respond to calls in our township. We are very thankful to have the program set up for the safety of our citizens.

HONORING OUR VETERANS – Eleventh Month – Eleventh Day – at Eleven O'Clock. November 11th is a very important day to all our veterans and all citizens of this great nation. Please observe a personal pause at 11:00 am on this date and show appreciation to ALL veterans.

To honor and respect our Veterans we will be holding a ceremony at the Turtle Community Center at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday November 8th. Following the ceremony, there will be a luncheon of sandwiches and salads. We are doing our ceremony a little early so that it will better fit schedules of the public, so they too can take part in other ceremonies in honoring our Veterans.

BE AWARE! Speeding has been a continued problem in the residential subdivisions in the Town of Turtle. Recently, residents who live on Murphy Woods Rd. have petitioned the Town Board for extra patrol in their area. Because of this, the Town of Turtle Police Depart. Along with cooperation with the City of Beloit Police Dept. will be concentrating efforts in this area. An aggressive

approach to reduce speeding will be taken. Also with the approaching holiday season along with hard economic times for many, thieves will be looking for easy targets. Take extra care to ensure your home and vehicles are locked. Keep valuables out of sight, park in well-lit areas and always be aware of your surroundings. Make sure you have recorded the serial numbers for expensive items and report suspicious activity in your neighborhood. - Rich LeFeber, Police Chief

NECESSARY ACTION - Now, more than ever, it is important to keep your well water and septic system maintained and tested regularly. Testing your well water can be done by going to the Water Pollution Control Facility at 555 Willowbrook Rd., in the City of Beloit. There, you get a water test kit (for \$20). Follow the included directions and take the water sample back to the facility Monday. - Thursday between 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. The results can be mailed or faxed to you after about 24 hours. Call the Water Pollution Control Facility at (608) 364-2888 with an questions. To have your septic system checked, look in the yellow pages under Septic Tanks and System Cleaning. There you will find several septic services that can inspect your system. Rock County requires your septic system to be inspected every three years, however you may choose to have your system checked more often if you have problems or high usage septic system. They can also give you tips and advice for maintaining a healthy septic system. - Town of Turtle Safety Committee

TURTLE MEMORIES - The History Committee would like to announce the 2nd Vol. of Town of Turtle Memories is now available for sale at a price of \$20.00 per DVD. Both Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 are available as a set for a special holiday price of \$30.00 per set. Vol. 1 covers information about Turtleville, the Shopiere school, store, cemeteries, the Town Hall and other Turtle township memories as told by Fran Clark Rustad, Ethel Maxworthy, Dick Post Jr., Chuck Wollslair, Gene Haseman, John Kopp, Ed Gerth and Betty Clark Shepherd. Vol. 2 includes stories about the First Congregational Church, the Methodist Church, Durst Corp. and other great Township stories as told by Frank Klenz, Lorena Hazelwood, Eva Arnold Betty Popanz, Marv Bakka, Ralph Carlson and Bob Wollslair. These DVDs are professionally done by Michael Powers of Video Imagery and include many great photos of Turtle Township past and present. The History Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to be involved in gathering the information. A special thanks to the folks who shared on the video, their wonderful stories of days gone by. If you would like a copy, they are available at the Town of Turtle Community Center or by calling Joyce Splan at 608-365-5063. - Joyce Splan, History Committee.

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TURTLE COMM. ORGANIZATION have Town plates that are still available. Designs are the Congregational Church, The Town Hall, and the Turtle Bridge. Plates are available for \$5.00 each and quantities are limited. If interested in purchasing these historic plates contact Melissa Haseman at 608-365-6112. Remember we are always looking for new faces and ideas for next year's 4th of July celebration. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please attend our next meeting on January 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the community center. – Melissa Haseman Turtle Community Organization 4th of July Committee

RECYCLING – Currently recycling efforts keep 1.69 million tons of material out of Wisconsin landfills and incinerators annually. At this rate, Wisconsin citizens save space equivalent to the size of a average municipal waste landfill every 1/5-2years. Every ton of paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space. Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 trees. Even though trees are a renewable resource and can grow back again, recycling reduces the need for monoculture tree farms and save energy and water. Last year the Town of Turtle recycled 41.80 tons of glass, 22.70 tons of plastic, 106.41 tons of newspaper, 5.79 tons of aluminum and 36.02 tons of paper. Keep up the great effort Town of Turtle! – Deb Bennett, Recycling

CALENDER OF EVENTS & MEETINGS: All meetings are conducted in the Town of Turtle Community Center. For information call 608-362-0655.

Nov. 4 2008 - Presidential Election 7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Nov. 5, 2008 – Safety Committee, 7:00 pm

- **Court** 6:00 pm

- **Cemetery Committee,** 7:00 pm

Nov. 8, 2008 - Turtle Community Veterans Memorial Ceremony 11:30 am.

Nov. 11, 2008 – Budget Hearing, 7:00 pm

- **Veterans Day,** Please pause at 11:00 am to honor all Veterans

Nov. 12, 2008 – Town Board Mtg. 7:00 pm

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